



Islip, NY –Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan recently visited a sump along Lowell Avenue in Central Islip to oversee the work being done to improve drainage and prevent local flooding.

Supervisor Nolan met with the SWEP workers undertaking the project to discuss the importance of the project. SWEP is a Suffolk County employment program that provides work for social services recipients at no cost to the Town. Supervisor Nolan discussed how leaves, debris, and roots can create a thick impermeable layer in many sumps, preventing proper drainage during heavy rainfall. Using a backhoe, the SWEP workers and Public Works Department removed this layer, ensuring that rainfall drained into the water table properly.

Supervisor Nolan (right) is pictured talking to SWEP workers in the Lowell Avenue sump.